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Game Preview

Site: Hanner Fieldhouse (3,897)

Tipoff: 7 p.m.

Listen: GS Sports Network (pregame show starts a half hour before tipoff) - WHKN 94.9 FM (Statesboro), 630 AM WBMQ (Savannah), 1370 AM WLOP (Jesup)

Watch: ESPN+

Series: GS leads 3-1, L1

Last meeting: 12/21/2018, L, 80-68

Probable Starters:

#2 - Elijah McCadden

#3 - Ike Smith

#10 - Calvin Wishart

#13 - Quan Jackson

#53 - Isaiah Crawley

- Georgia Southern opens a two-game homestand against Radford Friday night. Tipoff is slated for 7 p.m. on ESPN+.
- Radford makes its first trip to Hanner Fieldhouse since 1985.
- The Eagles are coming off an 80-77 setback at North Florida Monday night.
- Georgia Southern was picked third in the Sun Belt in the conference's Preseason Men's Basketball Coaches Poll. Quan Jackson was named first-team All-Sun Belt, Ike Smith was named second-team all-league and Isaiah Crawley was named third team all-conference.
- The Sun Belt poll follows a trend of preseason praise for the Eagles. Athlon, Lindy's, Street & Smith's and The Blue Ribbon College Basketball Yearbook all have the Eagles picked in the top-3 of the conference.
- The Eagles posted 20 wins in consecutive seasons for the first time in 30 years. The last time GS won 20 games two years in a row was in 1987-88 (24-7) and 1988-89 (22-6). GS has three 20-win seasons in the last five years.
- GS ranked fourth in the country in field goal percentage (.499) and 15th in scoring, averaging 82.6 points a game last year. The Eagles scored 80-plus 18 times, 90-plus seven times and over 100 three times. GS shot 50 percent or better in 17 contests and 60 percent or better three times.
- Senior Ike Smith received a medical hardship waiver to regain a year of eligibility. Smith scored five points against Reinhardt last Friday night to pass 1,500 for his career and needs one rebound to become the fifth Eagle with 1,500 career points and 500 rebounds, joining Jeff Sanders (1,861 pts, 893 reb), Kevin Anderson (1,843 pts, 986 reb), Matt Simpkins (1,684 pts,

642 reb) and Louis Graham (1,581 pts, 908 reb).

- Smith has been named to the Lou Henson Award Preseason Watch List. The award is given annually to the nation's top Division I Mid-Major player.
- The Eagles are 61-22 in Hanner Fieldhouse under Mark Byington and 35-12 in Sun Belt contests.
- Radford was picked to win the Big South title for the second straight season. Carlik Jones was named Preseason Big South Player of the Year and first-team All-Big South, and Travis Fields Jr. earned second-team accolades.
- Radford is coming off a 91-40 home win over Bridgewater College Tuesday night.